

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1127

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mel Brown of Hermitage.

WHEREAS, we were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mel Brown, a longtime coach and educator in Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mel Brown was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown served with acumen and alacrity as principal of Mt. Juliet High School from 2004 to 2018, during which tenure he earned the respect of his faculty, staff, and students alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, prior to his time at Mt. Juliet High School, Mr. Brown served in administration as an assistant principal at Hillsboro High School in 1992 and at Lebanon High School in 2003; and

WHEREAS, from 1997 to 2000, Mr. Brown was head baseball coach and a teacher in the education department at Lipscomb University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown began his illustrious career in education as a teacher and coach for twenty-six years at Two Rivers and McGavock high schools; as coach for the baseball team at McGavock, he won a total of 582 games and led his teams to three state championships in 1975, 1984, and 1986, three runner-up finishes, and seventeen district titles; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Brown was named Principal of the Year by the Tennessee Association of Secondary School Principals in 2017; and

WHEREAS, for his prowess as an athlete and coach, Mr. Brown was inducted into four halls of fame, including the Tennessee Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame, the

Lipscomb University Sports Hall of Fame, the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, and the Clay County High School Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, after attending Castle Heights Military Academy in Lebanon for postgraduate studies, Mr. Brown matriculated at Lipscomb University, where he played on the baseball team from 1962 to 1966; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, he was most appreciative of the support of his wife, Carroll, and he always remained true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife; his sons, Frank and Carmon; his grandchildren; and his great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mel Brown leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Mel Brown, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Brown.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.

